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SPRING 2020 LINEUP
FEBRUARY

Wed., Jan. 29 • ROME ★ PERFORMANCE: Magician Zak Mirzadeh 7 p.m., Room 150, Plummer Complex Zak Mirzadeh is an illusionist and keynote speaker. Visit mirzshow.com.

Thurs., Jan. 30 • UTICA ★ CONCERT: Singer Aidan Doran 12:45 p.m., Snack Bar, Alumni College Center Aidan is currently a finalist in The Apollo Theater Amateur Night competition, Stars of Tomorrow, and was invited to be the opening act for The Apollo Theater Spring Gala in which he opened for Brandy, Salt-N-Pepa, and Bell Biv DeVoe. Visit aidandoran.com.

Thurs., Feb. 6 • UTICA ★ PERFORMANCE: “Of Ebony and Embers: Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance,” w/ The Core Ensemble 7 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall $5 general, $2 MVCC employees A chamber music theater work for actor and trio (cello, piano, and percussion) celebrating the lives of the great African-American poets-Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen, and Claude McKay—as seen through the eyes of the great muralist and painter Aaron Douglas. The musical score includes works by jazz giants Duke Ellington, Jelly Roll Morton, Billy Strayhorn, Thelonius Monk, and Charles Mingus, as well as concert music by Jeffrey Mumford and George Walker. Visit coreensemble.com.

Thurs., Feb. 12 • UTICA ★ MOVIE: “Joker” 7 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall $5 general, $2 MVCC employees

Mon., Feb. 17 • ROME ★ CONCERT: Singer Matt Bellis 1:45 p.m., Room 150, Plummer Complex New Yorker Matt Bellis was born with his distinct voice. Some would say it’s unconventional, which would fit the personality of this singer/songwriter/pianist. Visit mattbellis.com.

Tues., Feb. 4 • UTICA ★ ART EXHIBIT: 2020 Art Faculty Select Student Show 1 p.m., Juergensen Gallery, Wilcox Hall A showcase of the best artwork from students of MVCC’s School of Art.

Tues., Feb. 4 • UTICA ★ PERFORMANCE: “African Soul International” 8:30 p.m., Snack Bar, Alumni College Center This performance will trace the roots of music and song in Africa and the influences and musical styles reflected in various dances in the U.S. and Caribbean islands. The fun voyage ends in today’s hip-hop, with the entire audience participating in a call and response of Nas’ motivational song, “I Know I Can,” in three African native tongues. Visit africansoulinternational.org.

Wed., Feb. 5 • UTICA ★ LECTURE: “Dopes on the Road: Traveling While LGBT,” w/ Blogger Meg Gale 4:30 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center Meg and Lindsay created “Dopes on the Road,” a website dedicated to inspiring and equipping LGBT travelers to live a life of adventures. They will share some of their adventures in LGBT travel at home and abroad. Visit dopesontheroad.com.

Sat., Feb. 1 • UTICA ★ 6th ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE: “Magic Rocks!®” Starring illusionist Leon Etienne from NBC’s “America’s Got Talent,” The CW’s “Penn and Teller: Fool Us,” and Jimmy Fallon 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall $10 general, $5 MVCC employees On Feb. 1, 2014, after being a finalist on NBC’s “America’s Got Talent,” illusionist Leon Etienne returned to his hometown of Utica and sold out The Stanley Center for the Arts. On Feb. 1, he returns to the venue where it all started, MVCC. Hailed by critics as “America’s Rock Illusionist,” Etienne is recognized for his on-stage charisma, a fast-paced, high-energy, rock ‘n roll performance style, his no-nonsense approach to magic and a passion for sleight-of-hand magic, and the best jaw-dropping grand illusions in the world. Visit magicrocks.com.

Tues., Feb. 11 • UTICA ★ COMEDY: Comedian Azeem 8:30 p.m., Snack Bar, Alumni College Center $5 general, $2 MVCC employees MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY Azeem is a holistic healer through humor, prescribing the right dose to each audience, leaving you laughing long after he’s gone. Visit facebook.com/azeemcomedy.

Wed., Feb. 12 • UTICA ★ INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ AND CONVERSATION: “Women Farmers and Agricultural Biodiversity in India’s Himalayan Foothills,” w/ Priya Chandrasekaran, Visiting Assistant Professor at Hamilton College 2:30 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center Priya Chandrasekaran is an environmental humanist, advocating for agricultural biodiversity. She will be sharing her experiences related to environmental and agrarian justice in rural Northern India and her work with women farmers in the Himalayas.

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Wed., Feb. 12 • UTICA ★ MOVIE: “Joker” 7 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall $5 general, $2 MVCC employees Rated R, 122 minutes, 2019, crime, drama, thriller In Gotham City, mentally troubled comedian Arthur Fleck is disregarded and mistreated by society. He then embarks on a downward spiral of revolution and bloody crime. This path brings him face-to-face with his alter-ego: “The Joker.”
**Thurs., Feb. 13 • UTICA**  
**CONCERT: Matthew Schuler from NBC's “The Voice”**  
12:45 p.m., Snack Bar, Alumni College Center  
Visit officialmatthewschuler.com.

**Thurs., Feb. 13 • ROME**  
**MOVIE: “Joker”**  
7 p.m., Room 150, Plumley Complex  
$5 general, $2 MVCC employees  
Rated R, 122 minutes, 2019, crime, drama, thriller  
See description from Wed., Feb. 12, in Utica.

**Thurs., Feb. 13 • UTICA**  
**LECTURE: The Boilermaker Presents “American Ninja Warriors in Utica,” featuring Daniel Gil and Jonathan Horton**  
7 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall  
$10 general, $5 MVCC employees/children under 12  
After being a “rookie walk-on” and competing on season seven of hit TV show “American Ninja Warrior,” Daniel Gil is now a five-time national finalist. Jonathan Horton is a seven-time USA national champion, two-time Olympic, two-time Olympic medalist, and Olympic team captain. He is now a regular finalist on the popular show.

**Mon., Feb. 17 – Thurs., Feb. 20 • UTICA**  
**PRESENTATION: “Sand Mandala of Compassion,” w/ Venerable Tenzin Yignyen, Ordained Monk and Visiting Professor at Hobart and William Smith Colleges**  
9-11:30 a.m., 1-4 p.m., Library, Payne Hall (Mon. and Wed. evenings from 6-7:30 p.m.)  
Venerable Tenzin Yignyen was born in Tibet and ordained as a monk by His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama. He teaches Buddhism and Asian Studies and has created sand mandalas around the globe. The dismantling ceremony will take place on Fri., Feb. 21, at 10 a.m.

**Mon., Feb. 17 • UTICA**  
**MOVIE: “Wonder Park”**  
2 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall  
$5 general, $2 MVCC employees/children under 12  
Rated PG, 86 minutes, 2019, animation, adventure  
See officialmatthewschuler.com.

**Tues., Feb. 18 • UTICA**  
**LECTURE: “Making Sense Out of the United States Census Records,” w/ Barbara Leiger Granato, Genealogy Researcher**  
2 p.m., Room 119, Plumley Complex  
See description from Tues., Feb. 18, in Utica.

**Wed., Feb. 19 • UTICA**  
**MOVIE: “The Great Gatsby”**  
7 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall  
$5 general, $2 MVCC employees  
Rated PG-13, 143 minutes, drama, romance  
Celebrate 2020 with a flashback to the 1920s! In this award-winning film, a writer and Wall Street trader, Nick, finds himself drawn to the past and lifestyle of his millionaire neighbor, Jay Gatsby.

**Thurs., Feb. 20 • UTICA**  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH LUNCHEON**  
noon, Room 116, Alumni College Center  
Guest speakers will discuss black history.

**Thurs., Feb. 20 • UTICA**  
**SPIRITUAL FITNESS: “Restorative Yoga and Drum Circle,” w/ Alex Kofi Dankwa, Founder and Therapeutic Arts Life Coach at Common Unity, and Sparkle Denise, Founder of Wise of Wealth (WOW) Yoga**  
6 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall  
$5 general, $2 MVCC employees/children under 12  
Spiritual Fitness is a term used to express a person’s overall spiritual health or to give meaning and purpose in life. This is sure to be both therapeutic and fun for the entire family (ages 4+). Space is limited.

**Fri., Feb. 21 • UTICA**  
**SAND MANDALA OF COMPASSION: “Dismantling Ceremony,” w/ Venerable Tenzin Yignyen, Ordained Monk and Visiting Professor at Hobart and William Smith Colleges**  
10 a.m., Library, Payne Hall  
This ceremony begins in the Utica Campus library and continues with a short walk to a nearby body of water. Wear walking shoes or boots, and dress warmly.

**Tues., Feb. 25 • UTICA**  
**OPEN MIC NIGHT**  
8:30 p.m., Snack Bar, Alumni College Center  
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**MARCH**

**Wed., March 3 • UTICA**  
**INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ AND CONVERSATION: “Experiences in Iraq,” w/ Erik Luther, MVCC Alumnus and Engineer**  
2:30 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center  
In over 22 months as a combat medic in Iraq, Luther experienced some of the very worst of what people are capable of along with some of the very best. He will share his experiences working with people around the world.
Sat., March 14 • ROME
INTERNATIONAL CAFE AND CONVERSATION:
"Experiences in Iraq," w/ Erich Luther, MVCC Alumnus and Engineer
6 p.m., Room 119, Plumley Complex
See description from Tues., March 3, in Utica.

Wed., March 4 • UTICA
PERFORMANCE: “Great Speeches by Great Women,” w/ Rachel Shulman, Associate Professor of English at MVCC, and Stacey McCall, Assistant Professor of History at MVCC
5 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center
In celebration of Women's History Month, this event will focus on American Suffrage Movement. The presenters will deliver speeches, in costume, and allow the audience to participate in a Q&A after the event.

Wed., March 4 • UTICA
LECTURE: “Way Out There: Adventures of a Wilderness Trekker,” with Author and Wilderness Trekker J.R. Harris
7 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall
J.R. Harris has roamed from arctic Alaska to the Australian Outback, from Patagonia to the Pyrenees and across Greenland, Lapland, Iceland, New Foundland, Finland, and New Zealand for more than 50 years. He is still an active and enthusiastic trekker and is committed to encouraging everyone, especially young people and people of color to experience the benefits that come from being in the great outdoors and to support our natural environments. Visit jrinthewilderness.com.

Thurs., March 5 • UTICA
CONCERT: Michaeala Paige from NBC’s “The Voice”
12:45 p.m., Snack Bar, Alumni College Center
Michaeala not only earned a spot in the top 12 of “The Voice” with Team Blake, but also graced the likes of USA Today, Rolling Stone, Access Hollywood, and the iTunes Top 100. Visit michaelapaige.com.

Thurs., March 5 • UTICA
LECTURE: “Lizards, Lumberjill Sports, and Landscape Scale Conservation: Exploring a Career and Life Adventures that all Started with a Degree from MVCC,” w/ Collin Shephard, Forest Ecologist with the NY Forest Service
3 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center
MVCC alumnus Collin Shephard will share how the STEM-based education she earned at MVCC has developed into the forest ecologist position she now holds with the USDA Forest Service. She’ll also share the personal and professional adventures she has had along the way, as well as career opportunities available with the USDA Forest Service.

Sat., March 14 • ROME
FAMILY FUN SERIES: “Frozen II”
Noon, Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall
Rated PG, 103 minutes, 2019, animation, adventure
See description from Sat., March 14, in Rome.

Wed., March 18 • ROME
LECTURE: “The Business of Toyetics,” w/ Kyle Lince, Professor of STEM Transfer Programs at MVCC
6 p.m., Room 119, Plumley Complex
Toys are an important staple for children in imaginative play, but what makes adult toy collecting such a large market? We will explore the cultural impact of toys and media and how it influences a generation of adults even today.

Thurs., March 19 • UTICA
CONCERT: SoCal '90s Power Punk Band “Lit”
7 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall
$15 general, $10 MVCC employees
Lit is considered one of the preeminent bands to have come out of the post-grunge era of the late '90s and helped define an entire generation of SoCal power punk with hard-charging hits like “My Own Worst Enemy,” “Miserable,” “Zip-Lock,” and “Lipstick & Bruises.” The band has released six studio albums worldwide, including their RIAA certified platinum “A Place in the Sun,” and they are currently writing and recording new material. Visit litband.com.

Sat., March 21 • ROME
GAME SHOW: “Minute to Win It”
7 p.m., Room 150, Plumley Complex
$5 general, $2 MVCC employees
Fully interactive live game show, with both trivia and physical challenges, where contestants will have the opportunity to win up to $300 in prizes.
Mon., March 23 • UTICA
FACT AND FILM: “Babette’s Feast,” w/ Dr. Todd Marshall, Assistant Professor of English Language Arts
5 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall $5 general, $2 MVCC employees Rated G, 103 minutes, drama
During the late 19th century, a strict religious community in a Danish village takes in a French refugee from the Franco-Prussian War as a servant to the late pastor’s daughters. This event will be followed by a short Q&A panel.

Tues., March 24 • UTICA
ART EXHIBIT/LECTURE: “Spread out the Skies,” w/ Artist Arron Levi Foster
1 p.m., Excellus Room 225, Wilcox Hall
A collection of works that highlight the connection of nature and memory to create a dialogue with identity through the post-digital printmaking process.

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Sat., March 28 • UTICA
STEM FEST: “Celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math at MVCC”
9:30 a.m., Excellus Room 225, Wilcox Hall
On this day, Wilcox Hall will be transformed into a showcase of activities and demos related to STEM. Participants will explore capillary action, non-Newtonian fluids, robots, mini drones, human circuits, a bed of nails, DNA modeling, and more. This event is suitable for all ages.

Sat., March 28 • UTICA PERFORMANCE: “That Physics Show,” w/ David Maiullo, Physics Educator and Professional Demonstrator
11:30 a.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall
$5 general, $2 MVCC employees
What damage can a ping pong ball do as it hurtles at 700 miles an hour through a vacuum tube? Can you see the shape of sound in a dancing flame? Lifetime professional physics demonstrator David Maiullo brings his scientific “magic” from the world of physics to the off-Broadway stage in “That Physics Show!” The show has multi-generational appeal. Visit thatphysicsshow.com.

Wed., April 1 • ROME MOVIE: “Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker”
7 p.m., Room 150, Plumley Complex
$5 general, $2 MVCC employees
Rated PG-13, 114 minutes, action, adventure
The surviving Resistance faces the First Order once more in the final chapter of the Skywalker saga.

Sat., April 4 • UTICA CONVENTION: “Taka-Con: What’s Your Passion?”
10 a.m.–9 p.m., Alumni College Center and Wilcox Hall
$5 general, $2 MVCC employees/children under 12
Presented by the Anime Club, this convention will include vendors, artists, lectures, games, and contests on various aspects of pop culture including anime, gaming, comics, and cosplay. Come to geek out about your passions with other like-minded folks.

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7 p.m., Room 150, Plumley Complex
$5 general, $2 MVCC employees
Rated PG-13, 114 minutes, action, adventure, comedy
In “Jumanji: The Next Level,” the gang is back but the game has changed. As they return to rescue one of their own, the players will have to brave parts unknown, from arid deserts to snowy mountains, to escape the world’s most dangerous game.
Thurs., April 16 – Sat., April 18 • UTICA ▶ MVCC DRAMA CLUB AND THEATER PROGRAM PRESENTS: "Six Characters in Search of an Author," Directed by Rialda Shulman, Associate Professor of English at MVCC

7:30 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall
$5 general, $2 MVCC employees

This fascinating early 20th century play features six characters in an unfinished work – a father, mother, step-daughter, two sons, and a little girl – who claim to be "incomplete" and seek an author to tell their stories. The play explores the relationship between authors, characters, and actors, and questions our understanding of reality as it is presented to us.

Mon., April 20 • UTICA ▶ INTERNATIONAL TABLETOP DAY

2 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center
Come learn tabletop games from around the world! Hosted by the Strategic Gaming Club, learn games from China, New Zealand, Africa, Japan, and Europe, and go beyond your standard Monopoly.

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Wed., April 22 • UTICA ▶ FACT AND FILM: "Before the Flood: The Threat of Climate Change," w/ Lindsey Williams, Associate Professor of Geology at MVCC

6 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center
The documentary "Before the Flood," features Leonardo DiCaprio on a journey as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, traveling to five continents and the Arctic to witness climate change firsthand.

Thurs., April 23 • UTICA ▶ PERFORMANCE: Poet Jinahie

12:45 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center
MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY
Jinahie ("my wings" in Arabic) is an Egyptian-American performance artist, educator, and social justice activist. Jinahie has collected hundreds of Potluck Poems, a collaboration among strangers in which a poem is completed during live performances by the contribution of a line from each audience member. Visit jinahie.com.

Thurs., April 23 • UTICA ▶ LECTURE: “Working Meaningfully with Those on the Autism Spectrum,” w/ Author and Autism Advocate Dylan Emmons, Instructor of Reading and Writing at Borough of Manhattan Community College

3 p.m., Room 116, Alumni College Center

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7 p.m., Field House, Jorgensen Athletic/Event Center
$30 general, $25 MVCC employees (in advance)
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Mon., April 27 • UTICA ▶ CONCERT: Pianist Kevin Moore, Professor of Music at Onondaga Community College

3 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall
$5 general, $2 MVCC employees

Kevin Moore plays music by Johann Sebastian Bach, Sergei Rachmaninoff, and Ludwig van Beethoven.

Tues., April 28 • ROME ▶ PERFORMANCE: Comedian Marc LaMotte

7 p.m., Room 150, Plumley Complex
MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY
LaMotte’s mix of stand-up and storytelling has made him a popular act at clubs and colleges across the country. Visit marclamotte.com.

Thurs., April 30 • UTICA ▶ CONCERT: Kristen Merlin from NBC’s "The Voice"

12:45 p.m., Snack Bar, Alumni College Center

Kris, a three-time "The Voice" winner, has become a popular act at clubs and colleges across the country. Visit kristenmerlin.com.

Fri., May 1 • ROME ▶ CAMPUS CASINO NIGHT

7 p.m., Room 150, Plumley Complex
$5 general, $2 MVCC employees
Casino Night is a new signature event hosted on our Rome Campus. Join us as the Room 150 is transformed into a casino, complete with gaming tables staffed by professional dealers. Mocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be served throughout the evening.

Wed., May 6 • UTICA ▶ LECTURE: “Coping with Social Anxiety: It’s Not Just You,” w/ Author and Former Child Actress Lisa Jakub

6 p.m., Schafer Theater, Wilcox Hall
$10 general, $5 MVCC employees
Lisa Jakub starred in such box office hits as "Mrs. Doubtfire," and "Independence Day," before her own anxiety made it difficult to cope in the public eye. Since leaving Hollywood, Jakub has devoted her life to researching and writing about social anxiety, and giving people the tools to cope. Visit realisajakub.com.